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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DURBAN 0125

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SF, SG

SUBJECT: DAKAR DENIES POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF NATAL LAW

PROFESSOR AS HONORARY CONSUL

REF: DURBAN 59

1. DAILY NEWS OF MARCH 29 QUOTES "WELL-PLACED SOURCES"  
IN DAKAR AS DENYING RUMOR THAT NATAL UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR  
BAREND VAN NIEKERK WOULD BE APPOINTED SENEGALESE HONORARY CONSUL  
IN SOUTH AFRICA. ALTHOUGH PRAISING VAN NIEKERK AS "A  
DEMOCRAT, A JURIST, A PHILOSOPHER, A LIBERAL AND A HUMANITARIAN"  
AND ADMITTING HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF SENGHOR WHO WAS  
PERMITTED ACCESS TO SENEGAL, UNNAMED SOURCE INSISTED GOVERNMENT  
HAD NEVER ENTERTAINED IDEA OF APPOINTING HIM AS HONORARY CONSUL.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE DENIAL, CONGEN HAS VIEWED LETTER FROM  
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SENGHOR TO SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS INSTRUCTING HIM TO

SOUND SAG ON POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF VAN NIEKERK. DENIAL  
PRESUMABLY INDICATES CHANGE OF POLICY STEMMING FROM EITHER  
SAG REFUSAL TO ACCEPT VAN NIEKERK APPOINTMENT OR, POSSIBLY,  
PRESSURE FROM OTHER AFRICAN STATES AGAINST SUCH A MOVE. IT  
IS PRESUMED VISIT OF SENEGALESE MISSION TO SA (DAKAR 151)  
IS STILL ON.  
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